

USEFUL THINGS.

1. VENTILATION OF BEDROOMS.—It is at night of all other times, and when we are asleep, that we require to have the largest and most continuous supply of the freshest and purest air. It has been calculated that three thousand cubic feet is the minimum breathing space that should be provided in any sleeping room for two people,—in other words, the room should have the dimensions of fourteen feet by sixteen feet, and should be ten feet in height. Moreover, this three thousand cubic feet of air should be constantly changed and renewed. Every bedroom, therefore, all the year round, should have some communication directly or indirectly—say by the window of the room itself, or by that of an adjoining room—with the external air.

2. CRIMPING HAIR.—To make the hair stay in crimp, take two pennyworth of gum-arabic, and add to it just enough boiling water to dissolve it. When dissolved, add enough alcohol to make it rather thin. Let this stand all night, and then bottle it to prevent the alcohol from evaporating. This put on the hair at night after it is done up in paper or pins will make it stay in crimp the hottest day, and is perfectly harmless.

3. COLD STARCH.—A splendid thing to give gloss and prevent the iron from sticking: Make a suds of white Castile soap, and add to your raw starch.

4. CURE FOR LOCK-JAW CAUSED BY A WOUND.—If one has an attack of Lock-Jaw, pour a small quantity of warm Turpentine on the wound, and it will give instant relief.

5. If STOVE POLISH is mixed with very strong soapsuds, the lustre appears immediately, and the dust of the polish does not fly around as it usually does.

6. To KEEP FURS.—Seal them up before the first of May, as that is the time the moth miller's mischief is accomplished. Seal up your fur boxes in paper bags. Be sure there is no crevice in the paper. Some say, for the preservation of fine Woollen Goods and Furs always use Camphor. Nothing else is sure.

7. To mend GLASS and CHINA use the white of egg and flour.

8. It is said a handful of brown sugar thrown on the bottom of a hot oven will take taint out of meat when baking.

9. To CLEAN TIN-WARE.—Dampen a cloth, and dip in soda and rub the ware briskly, after which wipe dry.

10. Never iron lace curtains, but stretch them on a mattress to dry, pinning down carefully each point or scallop.

THE PARISH CLERK AND THE PEDAGOGUE.—

A parish clerk overheard a schoolmaster giving lessons in grammar. "You cannot place *a*, the singular article," said the preceptor, "before plural nouns. No one can say *a* pigs, *a* women, *a*—" "Nonsense!" cried the clerk; "the prayer-book knows better than you, I should think; and doesn't it teach me to say every Sunday *a*-men?"

One of our excellent ministers, who preaches "touchingly," recently spoke in one of his sermons of "the sad funeral procession" which followed Abel to the grave. A naughty, irreverent woman in the audience nudged her companion, and whispered, "Not such a large procession, but very select. None but the first families."

A young gentleman, the other day, asked a young lady what she thought of the married state in general. "Not knowing, I can't tell," was the reply; "but if you and I were to put our heads together, I could soon give you a definite answer."

A gentleman was awakened in the night, and told that his wife was dead. He turned round, drew the coverlet closer, pulled down his night-cap, and muttered, as he went to sleep again, "Oh, how grieved I shall be in the morning!"

There is a Quaker in Philadelphia so upright that he won't sit down to his meals; and so downright in all his acts, that he never goes up stairs, but lodges on the basement.

"Ma, that nice young man, Mr. Saftung, is very fond of kissing." "Mind your seam, Julia; who told you such nonsense?" "Ma, dear, I had it from his own lips!"

The matrimonial blacksmith at Gretna Green, being asked why old women were so fond of matrimony, replied, "You know that old wood catches fire in an instant."

An old gentleman, being asked what he wished for dinner, replied, "An appetite, good company, something to eat, and a napkin."